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FOR AF/P FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VAMF COM CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL POINTS WHICH SUGGEST NEW OR
SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FOCUS FOR THE DISCUSSION TOPICS REFTEL.

2. UNDER "ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE", OR "AFRICA AND THE GREAT
NORTH-SOUTH DEBATE", WE WOULD ADD TWO SUB-HEADINGS, (A)
"HOW CAN WE MAKE AID SERVE OVERALL US POLICY OBJECTIVES?"
AND (B) "NON AID RESOURCE TRANSFER: HOW CAN WE STIMULATE
PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND TRADE? THE ROLE OF OPIC, EX-IM
BANK, ETC.".

3. UNDER "HUMAN RIGHTS AND US POLICY IN AFRICA", WOULD
RECOMMEND DISCUSSION ON "RACISM: WHAT CAN WE DO TO COMBAT
IT?" OR, CONVERSELY, "NON-RACIALISM: WHY WE DO NOT ACTIVELY
SUPPORT IT"; E.G. WE HAVE TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS FOR 8 MONTHS
TO OBTAIN FUNDS UNDER FAA SECTION 116E TO ENCOURAGE AND
HELP INSTITUTIONALIZE NON-RACIALISM IN BOTSWANA.

4. RE "HUMAN RIGHTS", SUGGEST WE TAKE A FRANK
LOOK AT "DEMOCRACY, MAJORITY RULE AND PROSPECTS FOR
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POLITICAL/CIVIL RIGHTS IN AFRICA".

5. UNDER "SOUTH AFRICAN AND US DOMESTIC POLITICS",
OR "ARMS TO AFRICA", BELIEVE WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE
AND JOIN THE GROWING DEBATE ON "VIOLENCE AND POLI-
TICAL CHANGE: IS IT TIME TO BE PRAGMATIC?". AN
ADDITIONAL TOPIC WOULD BE: "US CONVENTIONAL ARMS

TRANSFER TO AFRICA: DO THEY STABLIZE OR DESTABLLIZE"?

6. TO EMPHASIZE THE TREND OF OPINION REGARDING
SOUTH AFRICA, WOULD SUGGEST AN ADDITIONAL TOPIC:
"AFTER RHODESIA: THE NEW FRONT LINE".
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